



January 9, 2013

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: DA 12-1863, IB Docket No. 12-340
RM-11683, Reply Period

Dear Ms. Dortch:

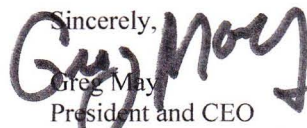
As president and CEO of Utility Management Group, a firm which specializes in managing rural public works projects, such as water and sewage systems throughout Eastern Kentucky, I understand the need for better internet service and cell service in the mountains.

The problem with utility business is that you need utilities everywhere. The mountains of Kentucky are home to millions of people, all of whom need basic water and sewer services, even if they live far from town. It is sometimes difficult to believe that my company can maintain physical water lines in places that radio waves apparently can't reach. Most of the places that my workers are required to go to service our lines are without any sort of cell phone service, and there is no reliable wireless broadband service in any of the region.

I understand that many other business, civic, and political leaders have written to you to support LightSquared's application, and many of these comments would echo my own. For example, the Competitive Carriers Association, which represents smaller wireless carriers of the type who might well bring LightSquared's service to Eastern Kentucky, said:

"CCA recommends the Commission grant LightSquared's license modification applications, which would help to resolve complex spectrum management questions and also would enhance competition for the benefit of American consumers."

As a businessman, I believe strongly in competition, and that allowing LightSquared to increase competition in the marketplace will benefit rural America in general, and the mountains of Eastern Kentucky specifically. Therefore, I urge the FCC to grant LightSquared's application for a license modification.

Sincerely,

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